

IOWA WATER ENVIRONMENT ASSOCIATION

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

September 25, 2020

The minutes of the Iowa Water Environment Association Executive Committee Meeting, held online on September 25, 2020.

ITEM I: CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Bob Ranson, at 10:01 AM, with the following other Executive Committee members present: Steve Hoambrecker, Darin Jacobs, Patrick Brown, Lance Greazel, Dan Miers, Kris Erickson, Matt Wildman, and Jim McElvogue. Other members present were: Jason Loots, Jay Brady, Taylor Hopper, and Paul Ebert.

ITEM II: APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved by Dan Miers, and seconded by Patrick Brown, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

ITEM III: APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Dan Miers, and seconded by Patrick Brown, to approve the minutes of June 3, 2020. Motion carried.

ITEM IV: COMMITTEE ACTION/DIRECTION REQUESTS

A. Aims & Objectives

Jim McElvogue reported that several changes to the Manual of Policies and Procedures will be discussed later on the agenda.

B. Annual Meeting

Jay Brady reported that the Virtual Wastewater CEU training was proceeding and had registrations exceeding expectations. We also had a good response from vendors who supplemented registration fees with conference sponsorships. A claim for lost revenue for the Annual and Operators conferences has been filed with the insurance company.

C. Awards

No report.

D. Biosolids

Dan Miers reported that the insurance for the cancellation of the Biosolids Conference was \$1,892. The committee will meet October 13th to start planning for next year's conference.

E. Collection Systems

Matt Wildman reported that the committee was beginning to plan for next year's conference. A subcommittee is exploring options for an in-person conference or a virtual meeting. In order to facilitate an in-person conference they will be looking for a larger venue to allow social distancing.

F. Education

No report.

G. Exhibitors

No report.

H. Financial Review

No report.

I. Government Affairs

No report.

J. Historian

No report.

K. Industrial Pretreatment

No report.

L. Laboratory Practices

No report.

M. Maintenance

Bob Ranson reported that planning for next year's conference is on hold to see if the pandemic situation improves.

N. Membership

No report.

O. Newsletter

No report.

P. Nominating

No report.

Q. Operator Certification

No report. Dan Miers asked if anyone had heard when IDNR might resume offering certification exams. Bob Ranson stated that he would check with Laurie Sharp on when testing will be available.

R. Public Relations/Public Education

No report.

S. Research

No report.

T. Safety

No report.

U. Small Communities

Matt Wildman reported that the committee has met and have decided to host some webinars after the Virtual Wastewater CEU training is completed.

V. Water for People

Taylor Hopper reported that the committee would be conducting an online auction in October. Donations are being accepted on the auction site and through the Virtual Wastewater CEU registration process. A virtual golf tournament is also available with details on the IAWEA website.

W. Website

No report.

X. Young Professionals

No report.

ITEM V: OFFICERS' REPORTS

A. Treasurer's Report

No report.

B. Secretary's Report

The Secretary mentioned that he had a couple of items that are on the agenda later.

C. Delegates' Report

Steve Hoambrecker reported that WEFTEC had a free Vendors Symposium scheduled as part of the virtual program.

D: Regional Directors

Region 1: No report.

Region 2: Darin Jacobs reported that their fall meeting would be held both in person and virtually. They have room for up to 80 people in person to ensure proper distancing. At last count they had 60 signed up for in person and 35 for virtual attendance.

Region 3: No report.

Region 4: Kris Erickson reported that they were encouraging everyone to attend the virtual training as they are not scheduling anything.

Region 5: Lance Greazel reported that planning for regional meetings has been put on hold for now.

Region 6: No report.

E: Correspondence

None.

ITEM VI: DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

A. DNR Plant Optimization Program

Matt Wildman reported that this item could be removed from future agendas for now. IDNR does want some financial support for this program but the pandemic must ease before anything can proceed.

B. Manual of Policies and Practices – Elimination of CEU Administrator Changes

Jim McElvogue referred the Board to the draft changes of the Manual that were emailed to everyone. The position of CEU Administrator has become redundant now that IDNR has assumed responsibility for CEU review and recording. The current CEU Administrator, Bob Main, has indicated he wants to retire from the position, and he agrees that IAWEA no longer needs his services. It was moved by Steve Hoambrecker, and seconded by Darin Jacobs, to approve the changes to the manual as presented. Motion carried.

C. Email Service

Jim McElvogue reported that he felt it was time to move beyond what was available as a free email service. Many of our mass emails have an extremely poor response rate as many servers see an internet-based email as spam. He wants approval from the Board to research other email services to improve our communication. It was moved by Matt Wildman, and seconded by Darin Jacobs, to authorize the Secretary to engage an email service that will improve our response rate. Motion carried.

D. Other Items

None.

ITEM VII: CONCENSUS & ASSIGNMENTS

Bob Ranson will contact Laurie Sharp about certification exams. Jim McElvogue will research a new email service.

ITEM VIII: ADJOURNMENT

President Ranson declared the meeting adjourned at 10:39 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim McElvogue, IAWEA Secretary